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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

Applicants enclose herewith:

1) A copy of the letter from ATCC documenting original deposit of a plasmid containing 4 cDNA fragments of Human GTP-RHO binding protein 2 pursuant to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.